

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this amendment was offered by Sister Phyllis Hunhoff of the Madonna Care Nursing Home here in Lincoln and I agree wholeheartedly to the amendment. Actually it was an oversight on my part when I wrote the bill. Many people thought that this bill was designed....

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins, we are just on the committee amendments.

SENATOR HIGGINS: That is what I am talking about. The amendment I agreed to because the bill as written, I felt, did not define whom the courts should appoint because I was not looking for someone with a financial background but the whole purpose of the amendment is to make sure that whoever the court appoints has some expertise in nursing homes and so I supported the amendment in committee and I support it now. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I have talked to Senator Higgins about this, Mr. President and colleagues. I do have a reservation about the committee amendment and I will not offer an amendment to that now but I think I will have one published for Select File and my reservation is that it really ties the hands of the judge in appointing a receiver to somebody who is either licensed as an administrator or licensed as a nursing home administrator or hospital administrator. I think most of those people in the state are going to be employed on a full time basis and are going to be reluctant to take on these kinds of responsibilities and I have talked to Senator Higgins. I think we are each going to talk to some other people about loosening up that criteria but I will save that for Select File and support the amendment at this time.

SENATOR CLARK: All those in favor of the committee amendment vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on the committee amendments? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.